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SUBJECT: UNION OF ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE MISSION TO UNITED STATES

REF: A) BEIRUT 848, B) KUWAIT 1089
C) DOHA 241, D) BEIRUT 763

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PLANNED APRIL UNION
OF ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (UACC) MISSION

TO US WITH SEVERAL OFFICIALS OF JORDAN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. INFORMATION AND ATTITUDES DEVELOPED REGARDING AMMAN FEB. 4-6 MEETING AND PLANS FOR GROUP TRAVEL TO US ARE CLOSELY CONSISTENT WITH THOSE REPORTED IN REFTELS. SEVERAL POINTS, HOWEVER, MAY BE WORTH REPETITION. OF ARAB STATES REPRESENTED AT AMMAN MEETING, ONLY IRAQ HAS DECLINED PARTICIPATION IN UACC MISSION TO US. IT WAS AGREED IN AMMAN THAT EMPHASIS OF MISSION WILL BE ON EXPANSION OF BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH AVOIDANCE OF POLITICAL SUBJECTS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. ABILITY OF BURHAN DAJANI TO MAINTAIN ORDER AMONG DIVERSE GROUP OF 120, MANY OF WHOM WILL HAVE HAD ONLY NARROW RANGE OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH UNITED STATES IS QUESTIONABLE (PROMINENT AND SOPHISTICATED LEADER OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION HAS TOLD US HE IS CONFIDENT THAT GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK INTACT, BUT IT EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY SMALLER WHEN IT REACHES LAST STOP IN CHICAGO.).

2. COPY OF TENTATIVE ITINERARY (BEING POUCHED TO CAGNE/ITA/BED) HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. SCHEDULE INCLUDES ASSEMBLING OF NATIONAL DELGATIONS IN AMMAN ON APRIL 15, AT WHICH TIME HEAD OF DELEGATION, SECRETARIAT, AND OFFICAL SPOKESMAN WILL BE CHOSEN. GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YORK VIA ALIA ON APRIL 17.

NEW YORK -- APRIL 17-20

WASHINGTON -- APRIL 20-23

HOUSTON -- APRIL 23-26

LOS ANGELES -- APRIL 26-30

CHICAGO -- APRIL 30-MAY 2.

IN ADDITION TO LARGE NUMBER OF PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR, WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT ANTICIPATES POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY KREPS, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, RUTHERFORD M. POATS, JOHN MOORE, FRANK WELL AND STANLEY MARCUSS OF COMMERCE, JULIUS KATZ OF STATE, AND EITHER SECRETARY, MR. HABIB, MR. ATHERTON AS SPEAKER AT SATURDAY, APRIL 22 DINNER. SCHEDULE FOR SAME DAY INCLUDES WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND/OR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. MEETING WITH NUMBER OF PROMINENT MEMBERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE ALSO APPEARS ON TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.

3. JORDANIAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE 7-9 PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, WITH PERHAPS GOVERNMENT OR QUASI-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE ROLE WILL BE TO ADDRESS ANY POLITICAL QUESTIONS ON BEHALF

OF JORDANIAN GROUP; INCLUSION OF SUCH SPOKESMAN
IN EACH NATIONAL DELEGATION WAS APPARENTLY PRO-
POSAL MADE AT FEBRUARY UACC MEETING IN AMMAN
(REF B)).

4. ACTION REQUESTED -- WE HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION
THAT PROPOSED UACC MISSION TO UNITED STATES WILL
TAKE PLACE THOUGH PROBABLY IT WILL BE UNWIELDY
AND LESS UNIFIED THAN WE OR ORGANIZERS WOULD
DESIRE. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF
PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ITINERARY OF USG
OFFICIALS; WE HAVE NO DOUBT JORDANIAN DELEGATION
WILL INQUIRE ABOUT THIS ONCE IT IS FORMED. WITH
OTHER REPORTING POSTS, WE EXPECT THAT LOCAL
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DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE HIGHEST RANKS OF LOCAL
BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
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